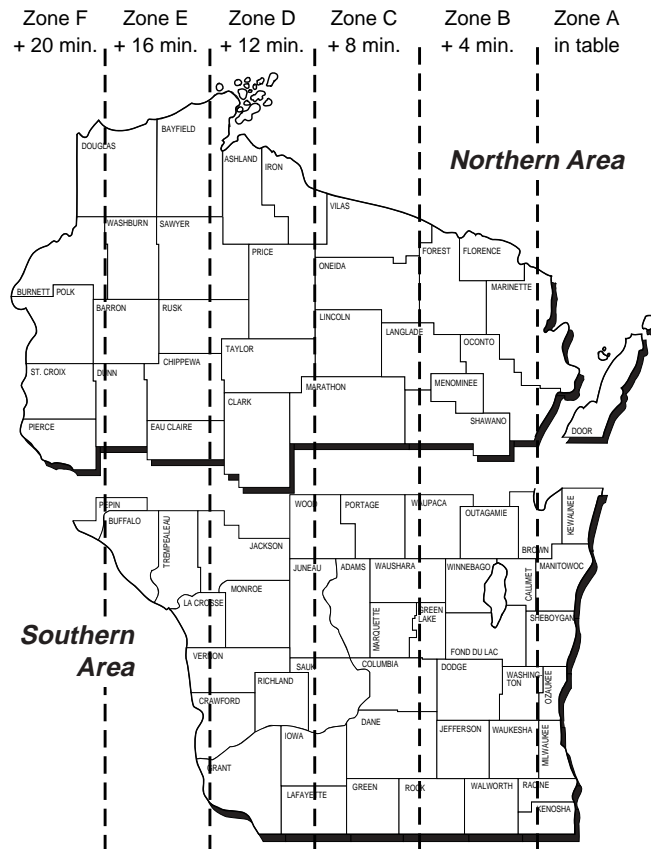


## Calculating hunting hours:

First determine if you are hunting in the northern or southern area using the map to right. Then determine the appropriate zone in which you are hunting. Add the minutes shown for this zone to the opening and closing times found in the appropriate hunting hours table below.

Northern Area Hunting Hours			Southern Area Hunting Hours		
	A.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.
Sept. 1	5:42	7:27	Sept. 1	5:44	7:27
Sept. 2	5:43	7:25	Sept. 2	5:45	7:25
Sept. 3	5:44	7:23	Sept. 3	5:47	7:23
Sept. 4	Closed		Sept. 4	Closed	
Sept. 5	Closed		Sept. 5	Closed	
Sept. 6	Closed		Sept. 6	Closed	
Sept. 7	5:49	7:16	Sept. 7	5:51	7:16
Sept. 8	5:50	7:14	Sept. 8	5:52	7:14
Sept. 9	5:52	7:12	Sept. 9	5:53	7:12
Sept. 10	5:53	7:10	Sept. 10	5:54	7:10
Sept. 11	5:54	7:08	Sept. 11	5:56	7:09
Sept. 12	5:55	7:06	Sept. 12	5:57	7:07
Sept. 13	5:57	7:04	Sept. 13	5:58	7:05
Sept. 14	5:58	7:02	Sept. 14	5:59	7:03
Sept. 15	5:59	7:00	Sept. 15	6:00	7:01

## Hunting Hour Zones



### Report Hunting Violations

**CALL 1-800-TIP-WDNR**

**(1-800-847-9367)**

**Toll Free • Statewide • 24-Hour • Confidential**  
**(This is NOT an information number)**

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### Early September

# Canada Goose Hunting Regulations

### September 1-3 & 7-15, 2004



*Remember to report  
each Canada goose harvested  
within 48 hours of the kill by calling  
1-800-99-GOOSE.  
(1-800-994-6673)*



Wis. Dept. of Natural Resources  
 Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707  
 PUB-WM-194 2004

*Dear Early September Canada Goose Season Hunter:*

*As we enter our 5<sup>th</sup> year of Wisconsin's Early September Canada goose season, the number of hunters that are taking advantage of this early season hunting opportunity continues to grow. This season takes advantage of a steadily increasing resource consisting mostly of geese that were produced in Wisconsin. Over the first 4 years of this hunt we have averaged just under 12,000 Canada geese harvested per year.*

*To help provide a more enjoyable Early September Canada goose season please remember the following. Resident geese often change their feeding and movement patterns as September approaches, so hunters who scout prior to the season and stay mobile during the season, are the most successful. This early season also occurs when there are many other folks spending time outdoors. There is room for everyone to enjoy their recreational pursuits if we respect each other's interests so please be considerate of other recreationists.*

*To participate in the 2004 season, you will need to purchase an Early September Canada goose season permit, small game hunting license, the state waterfowl stamp privilege, a federal migratory bird stamp and be HIP certified. Anyone born after January 1, 1973 needs to have passed a state hunter education course. You are required to report each goose harvested by calling the toll free reporting system at: 1-800-99-GOOSE (1-800-994-6673) as well as validating your permit by slitting the date of kill. Be prepared to enter your DNR customer ID, the date of kill, the county of kill, and the number of geese harvested on a touch-tone phone. You may have difficulties if you call from a rotary phone so you have the option of speaking with a live operator. It only takes a few minutes to report this mandatory information. Our ability to document goose harvest through this system is important to your future ability to harvest geese.*

*Some important notes for 2004:*

*A computer error left off September 15 from some 2004 Early Goose Permits that were issued this Spring. If you were a hunter whose initial permit lacked this date then you should have received a follow up postcard that will serve as your validation permit for September 15.*

*The daily bag limit is increased to 5 Canada Geese daily with a limit of 10 in possession statewide. The Burnett Co. Subzone remains closed. As a result, we have eliminated the need for subzones A and B since there are no longer two different bag limits for geese during the Early September hunt. When you call in your kill to the 1-800 number you will not have to report the zone of kill.*

*We hope you have a safe and successful season!*

*Kent Van Horn,  
Migratory Game Bird Ecologist*

## Participation:

The season is open to all licensed hunters who possess an Early September Canada Goose Hunting Permit. The permits are available for \$3.00 at DNR offices, license vendors, by phone or on the internet. Hunting permits may be purchased at any time prior to and during the Early September Canada Goose season. Participation in this hunt will not affect your participation in any Zone hunt during regular Canada goose seasons.

## Daily Bag and Possession Limits:

Statewide: 5 Canada geese daily, 10 in possession

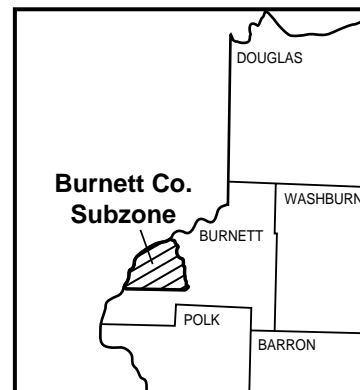
No other species of migratory game birds may be taken.


**Note:** Since the daily bag limit and the possession limit is now consistent statewide (5 daily, 10 possession), the need for two subzones (A and B) has been eliminated for 2004.

## Non-Toxic Shot:

Non-toxic shot (see Section 4) is required for all waterfowl hunting.

## Burnett County Subzone



 Early Canada Goose Season Closed in this Subzone

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**Pick up litter and  
keep your hunting grounds healthy!**

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## WARNING

Some of the areas in the state have local firearm discharge restrictions. Please contact the appropriate local enforcement authorities to see if there are any local restrictions on the discharge of firearms in the area you plan to hunt.

## Permits, licenses and stamps:

To participate in this early season, all hunters must possess all of the following:

- a current Wisconsin small game hunting license (includes Sports and Patron's license),
- a current WI Early September Canada Goose Hunting Permit,
- Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration,
- federal waterfowl stamp,
- the state waterfowl stamp privilege (on your license),
- a valid hunter education certificate, if born on or after January 1, 1973.

(Note: a person who has not reached the age of 16 years is not required to have either stamp.) Wisconsin hunter safety graduates do not need to purchase the state stamp privilege during the period in which the small game hunting privilege is free, but they must possess all other requirements. Senior Citizen Recreation Card holders are also exempt from the state stamp requirement, but a federal waterfowl stamp is required.

## Health Advisory

No one should eat Canada geese using the waters in the City of Cedarburg. The DNR has issued this health advice to protect you from exposure to PCB's in Canada geese taken in this area.

# State and Federal Migratory Game Bird Restrictions

**Migratory game birds** include ducks, geese, brant, rails, coots, gallinules, woodcock, snipe and mourning doves. The restrictions which apply include all those listed in the general hunting regulations (separate pamphlet) plus the following:

**All rules below are both State (S) and Federal (F) unless specifically noted.**

- **Dual violation:** Violation of state migratory bird regulations is also a violation of federal regulations.
- **Caution:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges and Federally owned Waterfowl Production Areas open to public hunting. For additional information on federal regulations, contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Regional Migratory Bird Coordinator, Federal Building, Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056. Telephone: (612) 713-5300. It is the **hunter’s** responsibility to know what rules apply.

*While pursuing migratory game birds, it is illegal to:*

- **Hours:** Hunt before or after established hunting hours. (See hunting hours and map above.)
- **Closed season:** Take migratory game birds during the closed season.
- **Daily bag limits:** Take, in any one day, more than one daily bag limit.

## Methods Restrictions

### 1. Open Water (S)

**“Open water”** means any water beyond a natural growth of vegetation rooted to the bottom and extending above the water surface of such height as to offer whole or partial concealment to the hunter. Dead stumps and dead trees in the water do not constitute a natural growth of vegetation.

- **Open Water Hunting:** No person may hunt waterfowl in open water from or with the aid of any blind including any boat, canoe, raft, contrivance, or similar device except from:
    1. Mississippi River: Blinds in any of the waters of the Mississippi River and adjoining counties provided the blinds are securely anchored and located not more than 100 feet from any shoreline including islands. Blinds in open water in Grant County and the Lake Pepin portions of the Mississippi River are permitted regardless of the distance from shore provided the blinds are securely anchored.
    2. Big Green Lake and Great Lakes area: Blinds in open waters of Big Green Lake in Green Lake County, Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, and Green Bay if beyond 500 feet of any lake or bay shoreline. Blinds do not have to be anchored in these areas.
    3. Lake Winnebago and Petenwell Flowage: Blinds in open waters of Lake Winnebago and Petenwell flowage (north of state highway 21 and south of state highway 73) if located more than 1,000 feet from any shoreline, including islands, provided blinds are securely anchored.
- Note: You may hunt in any open water area provided you are standing on the bottom or on a frozen surface without the aid of any blind. Blind includes any securely anchored boat, canoe, raft or similar device.*
- **Jump Shooting:** The open water restrictions are not intended to prohibit legal jump shooting activities. It is legal to hunt by non-motorized boat in streams. However, on larger bodies of water, the hunter must keep a portion of the boat in natural vegetation. Skirting the edge of rivers and lakes in this manner is considered legal.

### 2. Structures, Boats and Vehicles

*While pursuing migratory game birds, it is illegal to:*

- **Structures (S):** Hunt from any pier, dam, dock, break-water or similar artificial structure. Class A disabled hunting permit holders are exempted.
- **Sink box:** Hunt from a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).
- **Waterfowl blinds (S):** Establish a waterfowl blind on state property, including the bed of any navigable lake, prior to 7 days before the season or leave it established beyond 7 days after the close of the season. No person may maintain, occupy or use any blind left on state property during the season unless the owner's name,

- address and customer identification number in the English language and in lettering one inch square or larger is affixed permanently to the blind and shall be readily visible and legible at all times.
- **Moving boats:** Hunt from any *moving* boat *other than those* propelled by paddle, oars or pole. Motorboats and sailboats must have their motors completely shut off and/or the sail furled and the boat's progress stopped before loading firearm and shooting.
  - **Vehicle use:** Take migratory game birds from, or with the aid or use of, any vehicle except by qualified disabled persons under DNR permit and as authorized by Federal Rules.

### 3. Devices

*While pursuing migratory game birds, it is illegal to:*

- **Decoys:** Hunt with decoys which are:
  1. Placed beyond 200 feet from the blind or cover in which the hunter is located (S).
  2. Placed in the water prior to one hour before the opening of waterfowl hunting time (S).
  3. Left in the water more than 20 minutes after the close of waterfowl hunting time (S).
  4. Left in the water unattended. *Note: You may leave decoys unattended on dry land* (S).
  5. Live, tame or captive ducks or geese, regardless of distance from the hunter.

All live, tame, or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.

- **Bird calls:** Use records, tapes or CDs of migratory bird calls or sounds or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- **Baiting:** Directly or indirectly place, expose, deposit, distribute, or scatter salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.
- **Baited area:** Hunt migratory game birds by the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. Any such area will remain a baited area for 10 days following the complete removal of all such salt, grain, or other feed.
- **Hazing:** Use in any manner any air, water, or motor-driven land conveyance for the purposes of concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up any migratory game bird to put them in the range of hunters.

### 4. Guns and Ammunition

*While pursuing migratory game birds, it is illegal to:*

- **Shotguns:** Hunt with anything other than a shotgun fired from the shoulder, bow and arrow, or by falconry.
- **Crossbows** are not legal to use except by the following:
  - a. Resident disabled hunters issued a Crossbow permit or a Class A, B or C permit that authorizes hunting with a crossbow with a valid archery license.
  - b. Resident hunters 65 years of age or older with a valid archery license.
  - c. Non-resident disabled hunters issued a Class A, B or C permit that authorizes hunting with a crossbow with a valid archery license.

**Note:** When authorized, crossbows shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a working safety, and use 14 inch minimum length bolts or arrows and broadheads.
- **Other Methods:** Take with a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance.
- **Shotgun capacity:** Hunt with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.
- **Shot type:** Hunt with any type of lead shot when hunting waterfowl, coots and gallinules. Any shot used must be nontoxic (defined below). This means muzzleloaders must also use nontoxic shot. Only nontoxic sizes BB, BBB, T, or smaller are legal. Size F shot is illegal in Wisconsin. In addition, no person may possess any shot or shotshell loaded with shot material other than nontoxic shot when hunting waterfowl, coots or gallinules.

Non-toxic shot currently approved for use:

- a. Steel shot,
- b. Steel shot with coatings of <1% total mass of either copper, nickel, zinc chromate, or zinc chloride,
- c. Bismuth-tin in a mixture of 97-3%, respectively,
- d. Tungsten-iron, Tungsten-iron-nickel-tin, Tungsten-nickel-iron, Tungsten-matrix and Tungsten-polymer.

- **Weapons transport (S):** Carry in or on a motor-driven boat while the motor is running, any firearm or bow unless such firearm is unloaded and such bow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.
- **Notice:** Non-toxic shot will be required for all shotgun hunting, except wild turkey and deer, on all Federally owned Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA).

### Possession Restrictions

- **Retrieval:** No person may kill or cripple any game bird without making every reasonable effort to retrieve such bird. A hunter who cripples a bird which falls or moves into open water may immediately pursue the bird into open water and shoot from a boat while being propelled by paddle, oars or pole.

#### Reporting and Validating Requirements:

- When a Canada goose is killed and before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner, the hunter shall validate the permit by slitting or punching holes in the permit in the manner indicated. Failure to so so renders any goose in the person’s possession illegal.

**Note:** Individuals that possess an early Canada goose permit that does not list September 15<sup>th</sup> on the permit received a *September 15 Validation Postcard* in the mail. Validate this postcard by slitting the date (15) on this card for geese harvested on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Hunters must report each goose harvested within 48 hours of the kill by calling, toll free, 1-800-99-GOOSE (1-800-994-6673).
- **Tagging:** No person may give, put, or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:
  1. The hunter’s signature
  2. The hunter’s address
  3. The total number of birds involved
  4. The dates such birds were killed

No person or business may receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged and a record of such receipt is kept by the business.

- **Possession of live birds:** Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.
- **Important:** For information regarding the importation of migratory game birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66 (a copy can be obtained from the USFWS address shown under “Caution” on the inside of this pamphlet).
- **Shipment:** No person may ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with:
  1. The name and address of the person sending the birds
  2. The name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent
  3. The number of birds by species, contained in the package
- **Transportation:** After validating your permit, migratory game birds may be field dressed before they are transported from the field. However, the head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds while in the field and while being (1) transported from the field *to* the person’s permanent abode *and* (2) between a hunting cabin, camp, motel or other temporary abode *to* the permanent abode.

**Bird Bands:** Should you obtain a bird band, call 1-800-327-BAND (1-800-327-2263) to report the date and location of recovery. You may also flatten the band out and tape it to a 3x5 postcard or simply write the number on a 3x5 postcard. Add the date and location of recovery, your name and address and mail the card to: National Biological Service B.B.L. 12100 Beach Forest Rd. Suite 4037, Laurel, Maryland 20708-4037